

Leisure Time Activity for Youth Planned

Important plans for leisure time activities for boys and girls were made by the field workers of the character building agencies at a meeting Friday, Sept. 22, at the Torrance Service Center. Of particular interest is the survey to be launched through the local public schools. Torrance boys and girls will be invited through this survey to join Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts,

Camp Fire Girls and Woodcraft Rangers. Their parents will be asked to give leadership and participate with their children in the activities.

Present at the meeting Friday were Mrs. Olive Dickson, Girl Scouts; Ralph Alexander, Boy Scouts; Mrs. Edith Eskeson, Camp Fire Girls; Wells Daniels, Woodcraft Rangers; Mrs. Hillman Lee and Mrs. Mary L. Eggleston, director of the Torrance Service Center.

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FATS SALVAGE FIGURES DROP IN THIS AREA

Fears that overoptimism regarding the war would seriously curtail the supply of fats and oils for munitions and medical uses were expressed by the War Production Board as its monthly survey again revealed a falling off in the amount of waste fats salvaged by Southern California housewives.

For the second successive month, collections dropped and the August total stood at only \$57,355 as against \$97,234 pounds in July and 973,248 pounds in June.

Torrance and Lomita housewives turned in 4,577 pounds, the WPB survey revealed.

"While some of this loss might be attributed to warm weather and part to the fact that many pork cuts were returned to the ration list, it looks as if there's a growing let-down in the effort being put into fats conservation by a good many people because of a mistaken idea that the need is less.

"There are two big reasons that fat-saving is still urgent. First, our generals report that they're using more bombs and heavy shells than ever in history. Second, it's going to take more of the same to blast the Nips out of those islands and the mainland of Asia.

"There's still a battle to be won—keep on saving that grease!"

IS CONVALESCENT

Tommy Quaglin is convalescing from a tonsillectomy which he underwent last week at Torrance Memorial Hospital. He had recently returned from a three months' visit with his aunt, Mrs. H. L. Avery of Sausalito.

Navy Calls for Radio Men to Enter Service

The Navy's need for men qualified for training as radio technicians was re-emphasized today by George W. Saunders, Spic(R) USNR, recruiter in charge of the San Pedro Navy Recruiting Station.

Saunders stated that men who are eligible for voluntary enlistment in the naval service also are eligible to take the Eddy Test. This examination determines whether the applicant has aptitude along lines required in the radio technician field. Those who pass the test may be rated seaman, first class, and sent to special Navy schools.

The Eddy Test may be taken at the San Pedro Navy Recruiting Station, located in room 16 of the U. S. Post Office and Custom House, any weekday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. The examination is a comprehensive one covering basic mathematics, fundamental electricity, elementary physics, practical shopwork and simple radio.

Navy radio technicians have many important duties, such as installing, repairing and maintaining radio communication equipment, radio direction finders and many other extraordinary electronic devices. This field is one of the most fascinating and colorful developed by the war and men therein not only will hasten the day of victory but will be able to look to new opportunities in commercial enterprise after the war is over.



AMONG OUR BEST CITIZENS . . . Boy Scout group activities are a leading force in the community for the right kind of training for growing lads and for leadership development. The Scouts have contributed outstanding help in furthering the war effort, in addition to their regular program for the common good. The Scouts, together with Woodcraft Rangers, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Catholic Welfare Bureau, Church Federation, International Institute and All Nations Foundation are the mainstay of Los Angeles Youth Project. All are financed through the War Chest. You help continue this youth training when you contribute to the 133 War Chest causes serving our fighting forces, our own at home and our Allies.

New Quarters of Torrance Service Center Open Friday

The formal opening of the Torrance War Chest headquarters for the 1944-45 campaign will take place Friday, Sept. 29, at the corner of Post and Craven.

It will be open house for the citizens of Torrance between the hours of 9 in the morning until 9 in the evening. A special program is arranged by the campaign committee from 7 to 9 p.m., at which time the Yugoslav Orchestra of Los Angeles will present a program of native music, songs, and dances. Refreshments will be served by the entertainment committee, representing the Woman's Club, Eastern Star, Business and Professional Women's Club, P. T. A., and the Women of the Moose. Mrs. W. E. Bowen is chairman of the committee.

The War Chest is an organization which functions the year 'round. In the fall of each year it conducts a fund-raising campaign in the Los Angeles area, of which Torrance is a member. The money raised during the campaign is used in sending food, medicine, and the necessities of life to our allies, in supplying the physical and spiritual needs of our boys throughout the globe, for U.S.O. organizations, and for the unfortunate, needy, and destitute in our own community.

The War Chest raises funds for 133 worthy and approved causes. No other agency, governmental or private, duplicates the work that is being done by the War Chest. The campaign committee invites the citizens of the city of Torrance to visit the War Chest headquarters on its formal opening.

Special guests from Los Angeles will be Ken Thayer, campaign director for the Los Angeles area; Ralph Shaw, administrative assistant of the Los Angeles area; and Mark Stoll, director for the associated cities and towns.

Lumber Rules Explained by Federal Board

Although Southland lumber yards have just been authorized to sell priority-free one-third of their Sept. 1 inventories of certain kinds of lumber, the supply for home builders and other civilians will remain scarce until the war needs are met.

Lumber released for sale is of all grades except Nos. 2, 3 and 4, Idaho white pine, Ponderosa pine and sugar pine.

Would-be home builders still are limited to a total of \$200 worth of residential construction in any given year, unless authorization is secured.

Here are the rules:

1. If you want to build a new home, you may qualify under quotas set up from time to time by the National Housing Agency. Go to your nearest FHA office for information.

2. If you want to remodel your present home or add a porch, patio or other improvement, don't do it now—but it off for a while. Invasion needs must come first and lumber will be more plentiful later.

3. If you need to do minor repair work, lumber is available without priorities. Each lumber dealer is given a small amount each quarter-year for this purpose.

4. If your roof is sagging, if termites have eaten away the floor joists, or if a fire has caused serious damage, you may qualify for priorities. The place to apply is at the nearest FHA office, NOT WPB.

Stations Now Accept 'R' Gas Coupons

Beginning Friday, Sept. 22, all gasoline service stations began to accept off-highway "R" coupons.

To reduce illegal use of "R" coupons a ban against their acceptance by most filling stations has been in effect since April 1, 1944. Now, however, the "R" coupons are serially numbered and any diverted from non-highway to vehicle use can be traced directly back to the person who was issued the coupons. So, OPA explained, the ban is being lifted to permit any retail gasoline outlet to accept "R" coupons for non-highway use.

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California State Guard will go on the air next Tuesday night from 10 to 11 o'clock over station KPAS, Pasadena, when officers of the Ninth Tactical Command and the Second Battalion, 39th Regiment, will participate with the Peace Officers Civil Service Association of California in a joint broadcast.

Arranged through Chief of Police John Stroth of Torrance, president of the association; H. Beldon Gilbert, executive director, and Major A. Milton Fish, commanding the Second Battalion, the program will feature a discussion between the military officers and civilian peace officers about the cooperation between the two agencies in time of emergency.

Scheduled to appear will be Col. John C. French, U.S.A. (Ret.), commanding the Ninth Tactical Command of the Guard, Lt. Col. T. A. Gregory, executive officer of the Ninth Tactical Command; Major Fish; Captain Chalmers Dulmage of Hermosa Beach, executive officer of the 2nd Battalion; Captain R. L. Lowellen, commanding Company H, Torrance; Chief Stroth and leading police and civic officials of the various communities in the 2nd Battalion area.

FORD SPEAKER
"America Faces Four Postwar Fronts" will be the subject of John Anson Ford, Los Angeles County Supervisor, at a County Day luncheon of the Federation of State Societies of Southern California Monday noon, Oct. 2, 1944, at 648 S. Broadway, Los Angeles.



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